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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Committee, proposed after consultation with the Chairman and the Bureau, is as follows:

1. Organizational matters:

   (a) Adoption of the agenda;

   (b) Organization of work.

2. Matters relating to commitments (Working Group I):

   (a) Methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases;

   (b) Criteria for joint implementation;

   (c) First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I of the Convention.

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3. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to developing country Parties (Working Group II):

   (a) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism), paras. 1-4;

   (b) Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support.

4. Procedural, institutional and legal matters (Working Group II):

   (a) Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties.

5. Activities of the United Nations system related to the Convention.

6. Status of signature and ratification of the Convention.

7. Future sessions of the Committee: calendar and priorities.

8. Review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including review of extrabudgetary funds.

9. Adoption of the report.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2. By its resolution 47/195 of 22 December 1992, paragraphs 6 and 7, the General Assembly decided "that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee shall continue to function in order to prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as specified in the Convention, and, in that context, to contribute to the effective operation of the interim arrangements set out in Article 21 of the Convention"; invited the Committee "to implement expeditiously the plan of preparatory work drawn up at its sixth session"; and requested the Secretary-General "to make arrangements within the overall calendar of conferences for the Committee to hold sessions, in accordance with the needs of that plan". The scheduling of the eighth session was confirmed by the Committee at its seventh session (A/AC.237/31, para. 46).

3. Accordingly, arrangements have been made for the eighth session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 16 to 27 August 1993. The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee at 10 a.m. on 16 August 1993, in Conference Room XIX.

1. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Committee is presented for adoption. A list of documents related to the agenda, as well as other documents available at the session, is contained in annex I.

(b) Organization of work

(i) Participation

5. In paragraph 2 of its resolution 45/212 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided that "the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly." In paragraph 19 of the same resolution, the General Assembly invited "relevant non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the negotiating process, as appropriate".

6. In pursuance of the above, notification of the date and place of the session has been communicated to the permanent missions of all participating States in Geneva and New York, as well as to observers.

(ii) Schedule of meetings

7. The scheduling of meetings for the session will be based on the availability of facilities during normal working hours, when services are available for two concurrent meetings with interpretation from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. There will also be some facilities for informal meetings without interpretation. Delegations are urged to use these services fully by starting all meetings promptly at the scheduled time. A tentative schedule of meetings, proposed in consultation with the Chairman, is attached as annex II.

(iii) Allocation of tasks

8. The Committee decided, at its sixth session, that it would focus its preparatory work primarily on those tasks specified in the Convention for action by the first session of the Conference of the Parties, namely: A. Matters relating to commitments; B. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to developing country Parties; and C. Procedural, institutional and legal matters (A/AC.237/24, paras. 42-44). A number of related tasks for action by the Conference of the Parties could be taken up, as appropriate, in conjunction with tasks listed in the three clusters (A/AC.237/24, para. 46).

9. The Committee decided to assign these tasks to two working groups: Working Group I to deal with cluster A and Working Group II to deal with clusters B and C (A/AC.237/24, para. 45). Both working groups will meet during the eighth session of the Committee, dealing respectively with provisional agenda item 2 (Working Group I) and items 3 and 4 (Working Group II).

(iv) Statements at the opening meeting

10. The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Chairman of the Participants' Meetings of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) have accepted invitations to speak at the first plenary meeting on 16 August. The Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development is unable to attend but has designated one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Commission to speak on his behalf at that meeting. The Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development was also invited but declined on account of a prior commitment.

11. There will be no general debate. Delegations that wish to make brief presentations of national communications, submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/195, paragraph 4, will be given an opportunity to do so at the first plenary meeting.

2. Matters relating to commitments (Working Group I)

12. At the first meeting of Working Group I, in the afternoon of 16 August, participants will be able to put questions to the Chairman of the IPCC, in response to his statement in plenary in the morning on the progress of the work of the IPCC and the outcome of its ninth plenary session (Geneva, 29-30 June 1993). The follow-up to the exchange of letters between the Chairman of the IPCC and the Chairman of the Committee (A/AC.237/29 and 30) could be considered at this time. Subsequently, matters relating to the work of the IPCC may be dealt with in the context of the relevant sub-items.

13. In accordance with the conclusion of the seventh session of the Committee (A/AC.237/31, para. 50), the roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention will be considered in the context of each sub-item under this agenda item, as appropriate, and will be referred to accordingly in the documents prepared by the secretariat on these sub-items. In order to provide some general background for the discussion of the roles of these subsidiary bodies, the secretariat has prepared a note (A/AC.237/33) analysing relevant linkages between the Conference of the Parties (COP) and these subsidiary bodies, as well as between the two bodies. The context for this analysis is the review of scientific and technical information by the COP. The note also provides some relevant background material on both the treatment of such information under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, and on the IPCC.

(a) Methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases

14. At its seventh session, the Committee indicated that discussion of this subject should include a review of information from the IPCC on the progress of relevant work and that consideration should be given to issues to be addressed by the Committee and the COP (A/AC.237/31, para. 49).

15. The secretariat's note on this subject (A/AC.237/34) includes a progress report by the Chairman of the IPCC on the IPCC Programme on inventory methodologies, some comments on salient features of that Programme and suggestions on the roles of the subsidiary bodies in relation to inventory methodologies. The note raises a number of policy-related questions for consideration by the Committee. The Chairman of the IPCC will be available at the start of the session to supplement his report.

16. In addition, IPCC experts will provide a demonstration of the proposed methodology for calculating emissions and removals of greenhouse gases to interested delegates during the session, starting on 17 August 1993.

17. In view of the need for comparable methodologies to enable Parties included in Annex I of the Convention to prepare their national inventories in time for COP I, probably during the second half of 1994, this item takes on some urgency. A full review of the IPCC Programme is scheduled for the end of 1993. The Committee is therefore invited to reach conclusions at this session, for communication to the IPCC, that would ensure that the Convention's requirements are taken fully into account in the timetable, outputs and priorities of the IPCC Programme.

(b) Criteria for joint implementation

18. At its seventh session the Committee indicated that its treatment of this subject would include the review of available information and decisions on further work (A/AC.237/31, para. 49).

19. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat (A/AC.237/35) which is intended to serve as a basis for discussion of the concept and implications of joint implementation under the Convention and to encourage an exchange of views and experiences within the Committee. It puts forward certain considerations relating to criteria for examination and elaboration.

20. After a preliminary discussion of this topic, the Committee may wish to provide for the preparation of draft criteria for joint implementation for consideration at its ninth session. The availability of proposals on such criteria from the Committee would provide useful guidance to Parties that are considering joint implementation activities and that may wish to include information on such activities in their first communications to COP I, as well as to interested financial institutions and other organizations.

(c) First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I of the Convention

21. At its seventh session, the Committee indicated (see A/AC.237/31, para. 49) that its consideration of this topic would cover:

(a) Formats and contents of communications;
(b) Methodologies for evaluating the effectiveness of measures;
(c) Compilation and synthesis of information in communications for purposes of aggregation, assessment of overall effects and report on implementation.

22. Some preliminary thoughts on the first review process and its requirements, based on the text of the Convention, will be presented to the Committee in a note by the secretariat (A/AC.237/36). The note will describe a scenario for a comprehensive process for the communication and review of information, indicate the elements of and requirements for such a process and identify questions for consideration. These will include questions relating to practical arrangements and to the organization and handling of substantive inputs.

23. The Committee may wish to review issues arising from the Convention provisions for the first review of information communicated by Annex I Parties, bearing in mind the related questions raised in the secretariat's note and in document A/AC.237/33. Among these issues, some appear to warrant priority attention on account of the time factors involved. Foremost is the desirability of agreeing on preliminary guidelines for the use of Annex I Parties in preparing their first communications for review by COP I. If the Convention enters into force early in 1994 these communications will have to be made in the second half of that year. Another priority would be to agree on matters that have resource implications; these relate to the intergovernmental meetings and secretariat activities that may be required for the communication and review process. The Committee may also wish to make provision to continue work under this sub-item at its ninth session and to give indications of any further work that may be required of the secretariat in preparation for that session.

3. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism and for technical and financial support to developing country Parties (Working Group II)

(a) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism), paras. 1-4

24. At the conclusion of its consideration of this item at its seventh session, the Committee "resolved to give priority at its eighth session to the consideration by Working Group II of the implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism) and to the adoption of such decisions as might be necessary, in the context of the mandate of the Conference of the Parties, on guidance to the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism concerning its policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria related to the Convention, including in the determination of 'agreed full incremental costs'" (A/AC.237/31, para. 32(o)).

25. At the first meeting of Working Group II, in the afternoon of 16 August, participants will be able to put questions to the Chairman of the Participants' Meetings of the GEF, in response to his statement in plenary in the morning on the progress of the work of the GEF, including its restructuring and its replenishment.

26. The Committee will have before it a covering note by the secretariat (A/AC.237/37) introducing the documentation prepared for the session under this sub-item and circulating, in English only, the Chairman's summaries of the meetings of GEF Participants held in Beijing, China, from 25 to 27 May 1993.

(i) Policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for the financial mechanism

27. In response to the request of the Committee at its seventh session (A/AC.237/31, para. 32(f)), the Officers of Working Group II have submitted a note (A/AC.237/37/Add.1) concerning the decisions to be taken by the COP on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for the financial mechanism. This note presents some initial considerations on these subjects, that would need to be further elaborated. The note takes account of relevant provisions of the Convention, comments made by delegations at the seventh session of the Committee and information on operations of the GEF during its pilot phase.

28. The Committee is invited to discuss this note, with a view to broadening its consensus and to identifying points for further elaboration. Any preliminary conclusions from the Committee with regard to the policy framework for the financial mechanism, particularly regarding criteria for the eligibility of countries, would provide timely signals to the interim operating entity for the preparation of projects related to the Convention. The substantial time needed for project design and approval should be borne in mind in this context.

29. In connection with its discussion of this topic at its seventh session, the Committee requested the Executive Secretary to work on approaches to the determination of "agreed full incremental costs", as specified in Article 4.3 of the Convention, and to inform the Committee at its eighth session of progress achieved (A/AC.237/31, para. 32(g)). The Committee will have before it a progress report by the secretariat on this matter (A/AC.237/37/Add.2).

(ii) Modalities for the functioning of operational linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism

30. At its seventh session, the Committee requested the Bureau, with the assistance of the Executive Secretary,"to prepare a report for consideration at its eighth session on modalities for the functioning of operational linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, taking into account the views expressed by delegations and others" (A/AC.237/31, para. 32(l)).

31. The Bureau undertook a first review of this subject. In view of the limited time that it had to consider the issues involved, it decided to make available to the Committee, under cover of a note by the Chairman, a note by the secretariat to the Bureau on this subject (A/AC.237/37 Add.3). The secretariat's note takes account of points made during the Bureau's discussion but does not represent the views of the Bureau.

(iii) Elements relevant to the assessment of funding needs

32. In response to the request of the Committee at its seventh session (A/AC.237/31, para. 32(n)), the secretariat, under the guidance of the Bureau, has submitted a note presenting a preliminary list of elements relevant to the assessment of funding needs under the Convention (A/AC.237/37/Add.4). This note advances some general considerations concerning needs assessment, as well as some elements specific to the assessment of needs for funding from the GEF for activities related to the Convention in the three-year period 1994-1996.

33. It should be noted that the replenishment process under way within the GEF is scheduled to be completed in December 1993. Consequently, if the Committee is to make a timely input to that process, such an input should be agreed upon at its eighth session. It is hoped that the secretariat's note will provide a starting point for the Committee's deliberations to this end.

(iv) Draft decision submitted by the Group of 77 and China (A/AC.237/L.18)

34. After informal consultations at its seventh session, the Committee decided (A/AC.237/31, para. 32(p)) to defer to its eighth session further consideration of the draft decision submitted by the Group of 77 and China, entitled "Recommendations of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change to the Global Environment Facility" (A/AC.237/L.18). The Committee may wish to resume consideration of that draft decision.

(b) Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support

35. Article 12.7 of the Convention provides that "from its first session, the Conference of the Parties shall arrange for the provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support, on request, in compiling and communicating information under this Article, as well as in identifying the technical and financial needs associated with proposed projects and response measures under Article 4. Such support may be provided by other Parties, by competent international organizations and by the secretariat, as appropriate."

36. At its seventh session, the Committee requested the Executive Secretary, in conjunction with UNEP, to proceed with the elaboration of a joint project for the establishment and operation of an information exchange system to facilitate technical and financial support for activities in developing and other countries related to the Convention (A/AC.237/31, para. 32(r)). The Executive Secretary is pursuing discussions on this matter with the Executive Director of UNEP. Progress towards agreement on the content, organization, funding and initiation of the joint project will be reported to the Committee at its eighth session (A/AC.237/38).

4. Procedural, institutional and legal matters (Working Group II)

(a) Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties

37. As requested by the Committee at its seventh session (A/AC.237/31, para. 40), the secretariat has prepared a revision of the draft rules of procedure of the COP (A/AC.237/27/Rev.1), taking account of comments and written submissions by delegations, as well as those received from the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

38. The Committee may wish to resume its examination of the draft rules, with a view to reaching consensus on a set of rules that could be presented to the COP for consideration and adoption.

39. It may be recalled in this connection that the Committee's conclusion on this matter at the seventh session was followed by a statement by the Chairman to the effect that "the views which had been expressed on behalf of non-governmental organizations with respect to the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties would be borne in mind in the Committee's further consideration of this matter" (A/AC.237/31, para. 41).

5. Activities of the United Nations system related to the Convention

40. The General Assembly has requested the Committee to promote a coherent and coordinated programme of activities aimed at supporting the entry into force and effective implementation of the Convention, including activities to strengthen national capacities. It also called upon relevant entities of the United Nations system, including the interim secretariat, to initiate and strengthen such activities, where possible in collaboration with each other. The Assembly requested that information on these activities and on any related coordination arrangements be made regularly available to the Committee (General Assembly resolution 47/195, paras. 8 and 9).

41. At the sixth session, the secretariat provided some information to the Committee regarding relevant activities by those United Nations entities specifically mentioned in the Convention (A/AC.237/22). The secretariat has subsequently sought information on activities relating to climate change from all relevant entities in the United Nations system, as well as from some other international organizations. It organized a consultative meeting

among entities that had provided such information. A note summarizing the information received and some salient points of the discussion at that meeting will be before the Committee (A/AC.237/39). The full information received from organizations will be circulated in English only (A/AC.237/39/Add.1).

42. The Committee is invited to indicate directions and priorities for future work which could contribute to the objective set by the General Assembly.

6. Status of signature and ratification of the Convention

43. An up-to-date version of the status report of signature and ratification of the Convention (A/AC.237/INF.10/Rev.2, English only) will be before the Committee, for its information. This report will for the first time contain indications obtained from member States as to the expected timing of their ratification of the Convention. This is in response to a request by the Committee at its seventh session (A/AC.237/31, para. 44).

7. Future sessions of the Committee: calendar and priorities

44. At its seventh session, the Committee requested the secretariat to make proposals for three further sessions of the Committee of two weeks each, two in 1994 and one in 1995, taking account of certain possible dates and places (A/AC.237/31, para. 46).

45. The secretariat has since obtained information from the Conference Services of the United Nations concerning the dates of availability of meetings services at different United Nations locations and has presented this information to the Bureau.

46. On the basis of the options available, the Bureau recommends to the Committee that its remaining sessions be scheduled as follows:

Ninth session, 7-18 February 1994, Geneva
Tenth session, 22-31 August 1994, Geneva (including Saturday, 27 August)
Eleventh session, 6-17 February 1995, New York

47. It should be recalled that the schedule of the Committee for 1994 and 1995 will need to be approved by the General Assembly, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 and on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences.

8. Review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including review of extrabudgetary funds

48. The Executive Secretary will present a report containing the latest available information on the above (A/AC.237/40). He will supplement this information orally at the session. The report will include information on administrative and budgetary matters, on the need for replenishment of the two extrabudgetary funds established under General Assembly resolution 45/212, paras. 10 and 20, respectively, and on current activities of the interim secretariat.

49. The Committee is invited to address the need for adequate funding, from the United Nations Programme Budget and extrabudgetary sources, of the activities of the interim secretariat in support of the work programme of the Committee and that of the first session of the COP, taking account of the priorities for strengthening those activities that the Committee set at its seventh session (A/AC.237/31, para. 7). The Committee may also wish to support the efforts of the interim secretariat to ensure that the special voluntary fund for the participation of developing countries in sessions of the Committee receives sufficient and timely contributions.

9. Adoption of the report

50. A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for consideration by the Committee, at the end of the session, in accordance with established practice. The Committee is invited to authorize the incorporation of the proceedings of the final days in the final report after the session, under the guidance of the Rapporteur.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Documents for the session

A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/ Add.1 and Corr.1	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
A/AC.237/27/Rev.1 and Corr.1	Revised Draft Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.237/29	Letter from the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to the Chairman of the Committee (conveyed in annex)
A/AC.237/30	Letter from the Chairman of the Committee to the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
A/AC.237/31	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its seventh session, held at New York from 15 to 20 March 1993
A/AC.237/32	Provisional agenda and annotations, including suggestions for the organization of work
A/AC.237/33	Review of information by the Conference of the Parties: the roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention. Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/34	Methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases. Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/35	Criteria for joint implementation. Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/36	First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I of the Convention. Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/37	Implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism), paras. 1-4. Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/37/Add.1	Proposals on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for the financial mechanism. Note by the Officers of Working Group II
A/AC.237/37/Add.2	Approaches to the determination of agreed full incremental costs. Note by the secretariat

A/AC.237/37/Add.3	Modalities for the functioning of operational linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism. Note by the Chairman of the Committee to the Bureau (Note by the secretariat to the Bureau is conveyed in annex I.)
A/AC.237/37/Add.4	Elements relevant to the assessment of funding needs. Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/38	Technical and financial cooperation: project for an information exchange system for country activities. Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/39 (and Add.1 in English only)	Activities of the United Nations system related to the Convention. Information and activities related to the Convention received from United Nations entities and other international organizations. Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/40	Review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including review of extrabudgetary funds. Note by the Executive Secretary
A/AC.237/L.18	Group of 77 and China: draft decision. Recommendations of the Committee to the Global Environment Facility
A/AC.237/INF.10/Rev.2	Dates of signature and ratification of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Other documents available at the session for reference purposes

A/AC.237/5	Rules of procedure of the Committee
A/AC.237/6 and Corr.1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its first session, held at Washington, D.C., from 4 to 14 February 1991
A/AC.237/9	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its second session, held at Geneva from 19 to 28 June 1991
A/AC.237/12 and Corr. 1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its third session, held at Nairobi from 9 to 20 September 1991
A/AC.237/15 and Corr. 1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its fourth session, held at Geneva from 9 to 20 December 1991

A/AC.237/18 (Part I)	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the first part of its fifth session, held at New York from 18 to 28 February 1992
A/AC.237/18 (Part II)	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the second part of its fifth session, held at New York from 30 April to 9 May 1992
A/AC.237/24 (and Corr.1 in English only)	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its sixth session, held at Geneva from 7 to 10 December 1992
A/AC.237/26 and Corr. 1 (and Add. 1 in English only and Add. 2)	Implementation of Article 11 (Financial Mechanism). Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/INF.12/Add.1	Communications received in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/195, paragraph 4. Note by the secretariat
A/AC.237/Misc.24/Add.1	Information on documentation databases

General Assembly resolutions

45/212	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (21 December 1990)
46/169	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (19 December 1991)
47/195	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (22 December 1992)

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Annex II

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK

DATE	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
Monday, 16 August			
10 a.m.	Item 1: Organizational matters (a) Adoption of agenda (b) Organization of work Statements by: Ex. Dir. UNEP; S.G. WMO; Chairman IPCC; Chairman GEF; Vice-Chairman CSD National communications (GA res. 47/195, para. 4)	...	...
p.m.	...	Item 2: Commitments: organization of work and informal meeting. Questions to Chairman of IPCC	Item 3: Financial mechanism: organization of work and informal meeting. Questions to Chairman of GEF Participants' Meetings
Tuesday, 17 August			
a.m.	...	Demonstration of IPCC inventory methodology Item 2 (a): Methodologies	Item 3 (a): Financial mechanism
p.m.	...	Item 2 (a): Methodologies	Item 3 (a): Financial mechanism
Wednesday, 18 August			
a.m.	...	Item 2 (a): Methodologies	Item 3 (a): Financial mechanism
p.m.	...	Item 2 (a): Methodologies	Item 3 (a): Financial mechanism
Thursday, 19 August			
a.m.	...	Item 2 (b): Joint implementation	Item 3 (a): Financial mechanism
p.m.	...	Item 2 (b): Joint implementation	Item 3 (a): Financial mechanism
Friday, 20 August			
a.m.	...	Item 2 (b): Joint implementation	Item 3 (a): Financial mechanism
p.m.	...	Item 2 (b): Joint implementation	Item 3 (a): Financial mechanism

Note: The scheduling of item 3 (a), Financial mechanism, may be divided by topic.

DATE	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
Monday, 23 August		Following plenary:	Following plenary:
a.m.	Review of progress in the session	Item 2 (c): First review of information	Item 4 (a): Rules of procedure
p.m.	***	Item 2 (c): First review of information	Item 4 (a): Rules of procedure
Tuesday, 24 August			
a.m.	Item 6: Status of signature and ratification of Convention Item 8: Review of activities of interim secretariat and extrabudgetary funds Item 5: Activities of United Nations system Item 7: Future sessions of the Committee	Item 2 (c): First review of information	***
p.m.	***	Item 2 (c): First review of information	Item 3 (b): Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support
Wednesday, 25 August			
a.m.	***	Informal consultations	Informal consultations
p.m.	***	Informal consultations	Informal consultations
Thursday, 26 August			
a.m.	***	Conclusion of discussions	Conclusion of discussions
p.m.	***	Conclusion of discussions	Conclusion of discussions
Friday, 27 August			
a.m.	Oral reports from Working Groups I and II	***	***
p.m.	Item 9: Adoption of the report	***	***